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SUBJECT: GOS:GSDR COMMUNIQUE EVIDENTLY SUCCESS FOR NIMEIRI

1. SEEN FROM KHARTOUM, GOS/GSDR COMMUNIQUE RELEASED HERE LATE MARCH 19 REFLECTS SUCCESS FOR NIMEIRI. COMMUNIQUE SPECIFICALLY AFFIRMS NEED TO REACH COMMON STRATEGY AMONG REGIONAL COUNTRIES TO KEEP RED SEA FROM BECOMING SCENE INTERNAL CONFLICT AND "ZIONIST EXPANSION". IN EXTENDED PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION EARLIER MARCH 19 WITH MINSTATE FONAFFS DENG OVER UNDERLYING GOALS NIMEIRI'S CURRENT MISSION, DENG STATED GOS HOPE WAS TO CONVINCE GSDR PRESIDENT AND OTHERS WHOM NIMEIRI WOULD BE SEEING OF NEED FOR NEW STRATEGY ON PART ARAB LEAGUE COUNTRIES IN HORN AREA. DENG OPINED SIAD PROBABLY WAS GENUINELY CONCERNED RE INCREASING
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SOVIET PRESENCE IN REGION (I.E. IN ETHIOPIA) AND WOULD WISH TO CURB IT, DESPITE SEEMING PARADOX OF HIS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH USSR.

2. COMMUNIQUE MAKES NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO SCHEDULED SUDAN/SOMALIA/YEMEN/PDRY MEETING TAIZ BUT DOES SPEAK OF SIAD/NIMEIRI AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS RE RED

SEA AND INDIAN OCEAN SECURITY. TEXT ALSO SPECIFICALLY REFERS TO TENSION IN HORN WHICH "IGNORES RIGHT OF PEOPLES IN AREA TO SELF-DETERMINATION", CONDEMNING "INHUMAN AND INCORRECT PRACTICES AGAINST PEOPLES OF AREA IN CONTRAVENTION UN CHARTER, OAU AND INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS". COMMUNIQUE OPINES SUCH PRACTICES "MAY OPEN DOOR FOR INTERVENTION OF FOREIGN POWERS". THESE REFERENCES CLEARLY DIRECTED AT EXCESSES MENGISTU REGIME IN ADDIS AND WHAT NIMEIRI SEES AS INCREASING EPMG TIES WITH SOVIETS. AGAIN, DENG TOLD AMBASSADOR HE BELIEVED CHIEF GOS WORRY HAD TO DO WITH INCREASING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN ETHIOPIA. WHILE HE WOULD NOT GUESS HOW FAR SIAD MIGHT BE WILLING TO GO TO MEET THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT, DENG FELT MERE ATTENDANCE SIAD AT TAIZ CONCLAVE WOULD SHOW HE IS DISTANCING HIMSELF FROM SOVIETS.

3. TWO PRESIDENTS LIKEWISE REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE FTAI BUT ALSO CALL FOR LIQUIDATION FRENCH MILITARY BASE THERE.

4. MARCH 21 SAHAFI EDITORIAL ASSERTS COMMUNIQUE REFLECTS GOS POLICY ON RED SEA SECURITY.

5. COMMENT: WOULD APPEAR THAT NIMEIRI AND SIAD HAVE AGREED ON DIAGNOSIS PROBLEM AFFECTING SECURITY IN HORN/RED SEA REGIONS. THEY WILL NO DOUBT ATTEMPT COME UP WITH SOME PRESCRIPTION FOR DEALING WITH IT AT COMING TAIZ MEETING WITH HAMDY AND ALI, BUT THIS WILL NO DOUBT PROVE MORE DIFFICULT. BREWER

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